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AND METHODS OF USE

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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 19, 2002, the time for responding being extended until December 19, 2002, Applicants elect the examination of Group I, claims 1 to 13 and 17 directed to an isolated nucleic acid and method of use with traverse. Moreover, Applicants do not agree with the Examiner's characterization of the compounds of Group V and VI as being drawn to compounds of unspecified constitution. Compounds in this class

are all characterized by their ability to alter sodium ion flux when in contact with cells expressing the nucleic acids of Group I. Favorable consideration of this application during Examiner is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions he is invited to contact the under signed at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,


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